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The meeting was called to order at 9.50 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

(a) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY PAKISTAN (A/47/244)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by Pakistan for the inclusion of an item entitled "Emergency assistance to Pakistan" (A/47/244). The representative of Pakistan had indicated his desire to address the Committee in connection with the item under rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Khan (Pakistan) took a place at the Committee table.

3. Mr. KHAN (Pakistan) said that he hoped that the Committee would approve his delegation's request for inclusion of the item in the agenda of the General Assembly for discussion in plenary meeting, in view of the critical situation now facing the victims of the recent flooding in Pakistan. He pointed out that there were no financial or budgetary implications for the Organization.

4. Miss AL-MULLA (Kuwait) said that her delegation supported the request of the representative of Pakistan and that her delegation would comment further during the discussion in plenary meeting.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that the representative of India had asked to speak under rule 43 of the rules of procedure. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to accede to that request.

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Sreenivasan (India) took a place at the Committee table.

7. Mr. SREENIVASAN (India) said that his delegation fully sympathized with Pakistan for the losses suffered recently on account of heavy rainfall in certain areas of that country. It supported the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda in order to enable the General Assembly to consider necessary measures to alleviate the sufferings of the people of Pakistan. It regretted, however, that the Permanent Representative of Pakistan had made an unwarranted reference in the explanatory memorandum annexed to his letter addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/244) to "Azad Jammu and Kashmir". He wished to place on record that there was no such entity, that Jammu and Kashmir constituted an integral part of India and that the reference in the memorandum was to that part of the State of Jammu and Kashmir which was under illegal occupation by Pakistan.

8. Mr. KHAN (Pakistan) thanked the delegation of India for its support. He would refrain from reiterating his Government's position on Jammu and Kashmir, which was well known, since the General Committee was not an appropriate forum for a discussion of such issues. The fact was that the devastation had occurred in that part of the world.

9. Mr. AL-MAKTARI (Yemen) said that his delegation supported the Pakistani request.

10. Mr. ALLAREY (Philippines) said that his delegation also fully endorsed the request, particularly in view of the fact that his own country was also suffering the consequences of a recent natural disaster. In that connection, his delegation would be submitting a similar request, together with an explanatory memorandum in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the General Assembly, for discussion in plenary meeting.

11. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

12. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

13. Mr. Khan (Pakistan) and Mr. Sreenivasan (India) withdrew.

(b) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/47/245)

14. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Secretary-General for the inclusion of an item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991" (A/47/245).

15. Mr. DELON (France) said that his delegation would not object to the request but regretted that the Secretary-General's note (A/47/245) had only been made available that morning.

16. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

17. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The meeting rose at 10.05 a.m.